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For President-Elect in 1888,
General John A. Logan,
OF ILLINOIS.

KING LEOPOLD is insane.

THE new school house at Grinnell is finished.

C. A. NELSON is about to open a barber shop at Grinnell.

GENERAL LOGAN'S work on the rebellion will soon be issued.

THIRTY-EIGHT lynchings for the present year have been reported in Texas.

THE Topeka Capital speaks as glibly of "Rumilia" as if it was some place.

In the matter of honey production, Tennessee stands at the head of the states.

POPCORN balls and spelling were elements of a social party at Ellis Friday evening of last week.

THERE is one elegant thing about Trego politics this fall. The candidates have not long to worry.

THERE is no use for our Democratic neighbors to fool with Chauncey Bestor. He don't want to be county clerk.

TWO THOUSAND majority for L. K. Pratt is what the WORLD has claimed all along. It now raises the figures to twenty-five hundred!

THAT little Uruguay republic is a good stock country. Its cattle are numbered at 8,000,000; its sheep at 20,000,000; its horses at 1,500,000.

LYNCHINGS and the plea of insanity in the defense of devilish murderers go arm in arm. The people don't intend that they shall be separated either.

"SIX substantial residence and business buildings have been put up at Grinnell within a week," proudly proclaimed the Golden Belt of last Saturday.

A. D. GILKESON has made Hays City his home at times ever since that place had an existence. We are assured that he to-day cannot show a tax receipt!

A RAILROAD bridge three or four miles east of Ellis, we discover by the headlight's glare, was burned Tuesday afternoon of last week, delaying train 211 several hours.

WE are ashamed of the Norton opera house. Listen at the Champion: "The addition to the top of the opera house, hiding its roof, now gives it the appearance of an overgrown corn crib."

THE Dutch Advocate at Hays calls L. K. Pratt a "beardless strip," whereat the Kirwin Chief remarks: "When the campaign has ended, you will be willing to admit that he is also a 'stripper.'"

A GUN in a wagon was accidentally discharged in front of the post-office in Hays a few days ago. A photograph case belonging to N. A. Voss was ruined, and a show window of Courtney's smashed.

C. W. F. STREET has determined to run for surveyor anyway. This is a mistake. It is wrong. He can not win, and this course will only tend to keep him buried at a future time, when, otherwise, he might rally to victory.

FOR a briefless lawyer to be run seriously against a gentleman of L. K. Pratt's known legal abilities and extensive legal practice is too ludicrous to be a catching card after the facts are known. Gilkeson is the briefless lawyer.

OUR young friend, John Reed, of Ellis, is the Republican candidate for county clerk of Ellis county. He is a splendid man, a good printer, a bright clerk in the railroad office at Ellis, and the WORLD hopes to see him elected.

"UNCLE" BEN RICHARDS says they can't come any such a game over him. He says that if the Dem. convention had put a full ticket in the field, and acted like it meant business, he would have run the race through for probate judge.

RAINFALL IN WESTERN KANSAS.

There is a paper published at Richmond, Shawnee county, Kansas, called "The Future," which is devoted to weather prognostications and meteorology. Its publisher and editor is C. C. Blake, a celebrated astronomer, formerly of Decatur, Ill. This is what the Future says of the rainfall in western Kansas:

Some have supposed that the building of railroads, telegraphs, planting of trees, and cultivation of the soil, will eventually bring an abundance of rain to the western plains of Kansas and the territories, and instance the increased rainfall in western Kansas of late years as proof. But they are entirely at fault in their calculations. Said improvements may, and doubtless do, increase the annual rainfall slightly, but I think it will be found in the course of fifty years that the increase is less than 5 per cent. There can be no certainty of any considerable increase in the annual rainfall upon the western plains till the storms and frosts of hundreds of thousands of years shall have so leveled the great Rocky Mountain chain that the cyclones from the Pacific ocean can freely pass them on their way to the northeast. There is a gradual ascent from the Mississippi valley to the base of the Rockies, and the cyclones from the Atlantic ocean, Caribbean sea, or Gulf of Mexico, can not ascend this slope with their moisture to any considerable extent, except when forced by a rare combination of comical circumstances. The increased rainfall upon the western plains of late years has been almost wholly due to comical causes, and as soon as these causes cease to operate the former aridity will return in very nearly as full force as in former years. Indeed, it is not difficult to calculate just what years will furnish plenty of rain in western Kansas and what ones will be accompanied by severe drought. I shall undertake to make these calculations and publish them from time to time, so that the misguided immigrants may know what to expect. But the great trouble is that the very men who need this advice the most are the ones that read the least, so that they will not be apt to know their danger till it is too late, and they find their hopes blasted by a fearful and unmerciful drought, thus forcibly reminding them that if they were to be numbered among the living in the "survival of the fittest," they must read, study, and keep posted.—(Dodge City Cowboy.)

Mr. Blake assumes the popular position when he declares that no very marked increase in the quantity of the annual rainfall can reasonably be expected in western Kansas.

His talk concerning "the increased rainfall upon the western plains of late years" would hardly convey to the stranger the idea that this period comprehends only last year and this, nor that for five crop seasons preceding the summer 1884 the condition had steadily, but surely, grown from bad to worse. Such, however, is the fact.

If "it is not difficult" for Mr. Blake "to calculate just what years will furnish plenty of rain in western Kansas and what ones will be accompanied by severe drought," he owes it to the New West to start his observation mill to grinding at once. When a man knows how to teach "the misguided emigrants what to expect," and will not do so, he ought to be drafted into the service.

The WORLD differs radically with Mr. Blake in his position that, if the people out here would read his theories and absorb them, prosperity would necessarily accompany their efforts. The knowledge, in advance, of what years will be drouthy would be sweet only while this class of novelty lasted. We have insisted for the last half dozen years that he who gathers about him some live stock, and farms only with the view of keeping it in proper condition, is safe out here, regardless of whether any particular year is drouthy or wet. This constitutes stock farming. It is the primal stone of the industrial arch here now, and will so remain as long as the decades of the future are at all comparable in the conditions of their seasons with this decade and those of the recent past.

The point where we draw the line is that farming would not pay here if each farmer could dictate the extent of his own yield every year. We tell Mr. Blake that he is a novice in the true ways of our western civilization if he overlooks the fact that farming is carried on in many localities without profit, although crops are not blighted by drought. The assimilation of the crops by live stock makes a handy and profitable market. This is the key to the success which crowns stock farming.

SENATOR PLUMB delivered the address at the soldiers' re-union at East Wolf, Russell county, on the 15th inst.

NOTHING TANGIBLE.

The Wa-Keeney WORLD runs up the name of John A. Logan at the head of its columns as its candidate for president in 1888. It is a trifle early in the day to put the presidential steeds in training, but the Chief suggests to the WORLD and the balance of mankind that an improvement might be made by substituting the name of John J. Ingalls for that of Logan.—(Kirwin Chief.)

Doctor, you know that neither Jno. J. Ingalls nor any other man west of the Mississippi can be nominated in 1888 by the Republican party for president. Why, then, fool about Ingalls, whose ability is conceded, but whose location is his presidential shroud?

We have have not hoisted Logan's name a moment too soon. He is the greatest citizen soldier, with whom victory is to be snatched from defeat in 1888. Not a friend made for him now will desert his standard. The more general the support which is given to him, the surer will be the harmony of the national convention which is to nominate him, and the larger his vote at the election which will follow.

This is an exceptional time in our country's politics, and it demands exceptional political methods as far as they are honorable!

Do you assimilate?

TWO QUESTIONS.

When the "secret society break" on the part of L. K. Pratt was discovered, why did not the pious fellows who heard it circulate it at the time? and what does such drivel amount to when it is started on the eve of an election for the plain purpose of deceiving the honest voters of this district?

Now to the result: This silly twaddle will have the effect of making positive votes for Mr. Pratt, which, but for the stench thus stirred up by Gilke's friends, would perhaps have been cast for Gilke, through carelessness.

Moral: A man who is, in every sense, utterly unfit for judge, is a weak individual with whom fight a bright, working, thrifty lawyer like L. K. Pratt, and the survival of the fittest comes on with a rush!

A SENSIBLE RESOLUTION.

The people's mass convention of Graham county, which, two weeks ago to-day, placed in nomination a county ticket, adopted this sensible resolution. This, we take it, makes the voters of Graham county just about solid for L. K. Pratt:

Resolved, That while we believe the office of district judge should be regarded as one non-partisan in character, we cordially endorse, and will earnestly support the candidacy of Hon. Louis K. Pratt for judge of this judicial district, not alone because of his eminent fitness for the honorable and responsible position, but for the reason that his nomination was honorably obtained, and it therefore fairly reflects the will of the Republican voters of this district.

THE CAMPAIGN KEYNOTE.

With Gilke and his friends, it is dirt or no campaign!

Let the fact reverberate to the home of every voter in the seventeenth judicial district!

EUGENE WORCESTER has concluded not to run all the papers in the wild-and-woolly West at once. He has, therefore, sold his interest in the Grainfield Cap Sheep to Mr. Enos, and moved to Colby to stroke the Cat while it purrs. But the racial failed to leave us that lock of hair which we called for last spring in the event of his leaving Grainfield. Mr. Enos is working like a beaver to keep the Cap Sheep on, and he seems to be succeeding.

GILKE's friends would better begin to show up some of his good qualities and rest their slander of L. K. Pratt. It is decidedly poor timber for judge of whose work, ability or honor nothing good can be said. Is this hint broad enough for Gilkeson's friends to grasp?

WHILE the alleged boom proceeds don't forget that a new church building must be erected in Wa-Keeney. It is not the best class of towns which persist in placing all other improvements in advance of churches. Naturally, Wa-Keeney belongs to the best class of towns.

L. K. PRATT is thrifty financially. As far as experience is known, the word never approached Gilkeson's vocabulary nearer than the farthest star in the Milky Way hugs the earth!

A SPECIAL meeting of the G. A. R. Post at Ellis was called for last night, the object being to organize a Woman's Relief Corps.

W. A. CONVERSE has resigned the superintendency of this division of the U. P. railway. A. T. Palmer, of Wamego, supersedes him.

THE Chief claims that the recent fair at Kirwin has an exception in the fair line this fall, in that the management cleared expenses and saved six hundred dollars.

HOADLEY's recent campaign in Ohio demonstrated anew that an appeal to the lowest passions in behalf of the free flowing of whisky damns him who resorts to it. There are some Democrats who refuse to swallow such rotten argument.

C. C. BESTOR don't want such medicine as the Dem. convention dished up for him last Saturday. See his declaration in this WORLD. We will, however, do Mr. Bestor the credit to say that he is well qualified to fill such a position as county clerk.

It's a daisy judge Gilkeson would make. His mind would be in tune for passing on cases for debt. Simon Motz is said to have seven hundred dollars on his books against this Democratic candidate for judge, which has been due for years. Motz does not expect ever to get a dollar of it.

A GRIST MILL is needed this fall at Wa-Keeney. Such an enterprise would increase the trade of Wa-Keeney at least one-third, and enable wheat growers to realize something for their crops. We have sung this tune a long while, and shall clip away on the same chord until victory comes.

W. H. LEE, who has been in Lane county since when the memory of the oldest settler runneth hardly to the contrary, has taken charge of the Herald at Dighton. He is a good printer and editor and a good man. We predict that he will roll out one boom of a paper as soon as the land notices give him room to work.

SYMMS, who shot and killed a man at Logan a few weeks ago, has been given twenty-five years in the penitentiary by Judge Pratt in the Phillips county court. In the words of the Kirwin Chief, "this is a life time for Symms, yet a just sentence. Judge Pratt, during his term of office, has done much toward ridding the district of such characters."

THE Dutch Advocate at Hays imagines it is making votes for Gilkeson. That organ will learn inside of two weeks that L. K. Pratt cannot be fought successfully on the principle that a lie well stuck to is as good as the truth. It is natural, however, for a paper which openly defends saloon keepers to take up the cause of A. D. Gilkeson.

THUS sensibly soliloquizes Friend Jameson in his last week's Golden Belt: "The Wa-Keeney World flings to the breeze the name of General John A. Logan for President in 1888. It is believed by many, and not without reason, that had Gen. Logan been placed at the head of the Republican ticket in 1884, we would not now be living under a Democratic administration."

L. K. PRATT's nomination was obtained fairly. No one who is intelligent, and at the same time honest, will hint to the contrary. Therefore, in the absence of convincing testimony against his ability or integrity, no Republican can vote against him with any possible show of sincerity. No such testimony exists. No such testimony can be produced. Draw your own conclusion!

THE Omaha Bee has placed at the head of its columns the name of Senator John J. Ingalls, of this state, as the candidate for president in 1888, and declares a belief that if Ingalls were nominated, the New York Sun would support him.—(Kirwin Chief.) We fail to see what the Sun's support signifies in favor of whom it supports. It always cursed Grant. It eternally damned Hayes. It worked for Hancock and against Cleveland. The Sun may do for a newspaper, but politically, it is simply a miserable crank.

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